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METHOD FOR GENERATING MOLECULAR

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Sir:

This is in response to a first Office Action on the merits concerning the patent application identified above, mailed October 6, 2003. As the three-month shortened statutory period for response does not expire until January 6, 2004, no extension of time is necessary.

An Amendment to the Title is set forth on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 6 of this document. With these amendments, non-elected claims 14-21 have been canceled.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this document.

Accompanying D cuments: Five Terminal Disclaimers submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.321(b) are attached hereto.

Application No. 09/964,215 Amendment dated October 21, 2003 Reply to Office Action of October 6, 2003 Atty Dkt No. 7610-0001.25

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

On page 1 of the application, at line 4, and on page 62 of the application, at line 5, and wherever the title appears in the application documents, please change the title to read

-METHOD FOR GENERATING MOLECULAR ARRAYS ON POROUS SURFACES-.